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HELEN ELIZABETH GARRETT

This summary memorandum contains the results of a Level II background investigation concerning Ms. Garrett, which, unless otherwise indicated, addressed the past fifteen years of her life. Inquiries were conducted in the United States as to Ms. Garrett's character, loyalty, and general standing, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of her income.

Birth

Ms. Garrett was born on June 30, 1963, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Education

Ms. Garrett received a Juris Doctor degree in August, 1988, from the University of Virginia (UVA) School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Military

Ms. Garrett has indicated no prior military service.

Employment

March, 1994, to  
June, 1994

Continued to be employed in the Office of David L. Boren, United States Senator from Oklahoma; initially as a tax legislative assistant/legal counsel and subsequently as a legal director

July, 1994, to  
June, 1995

UVA, Charlottesville, Virginia, as a visiting associate professor. Ms. Garrett returned to UVA in 2001 as a visiting professor for an unspecified amount of time.

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July, 1995, to  
July, 2003

University of Chicago Law  
School, Chicago, Illinois,  
initially as an associate  
professor and subsequently  
as a tenured professor.  
Ms. Garrett also held the  
position of Academic Deputy  
Dean.

July, 2003, to  
the present

University of Southern  
California (USC), Los Angeles,  
California, initially as  
a full professor, then Vice  
Provost for Academic Affairs,  
and subsequently as Vice  
President for Academic  
Planning and Budget

In addition to the above employments, Ms. Garrett is currently affiliated with the following organizations: an honorary member of the American Law Institute; an honorary member and chair of the Finance Committee and National Governing Board for the Common Cause Organization; a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy; and a board member of the Los Angeles Urban Debate League.

Ms. Garrett has also been involved with several other organizations holding various positions to include a volunteer for the Barack Obama Presidential Campaign, the Tax Policy Committee, and the Education Policy Committee; an honorary fellow of the American Bar Foundation; a member of the Board of Visitors of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma; vice-chair of the Committee on Legislative Process and Lobbying, the American Bar Association Section on Administrative Law, and the Regulatory Process; a member of the governing board of the Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago; a member of the Twentieth Century Fund's Citizens for Independent Courts; and a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, Charlottesville, Virginia. Ms. Garrett was also a member of the Board of Directors for USC Care; secretary for the Lord Foundation; and secretary for the Initiative and Referendum Institute at USC; however, these organizations were in conjunction with her employment at USC.

Ms. Garrett never received compensation from any of the above organizations.

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Family Status

Ms. Garrett is married to [REDACTED] She has indicated that her husband [REDACTED] They reside at Apartment 404, 801 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, California.

In addition to her husband Ms. Garrett has listed the following close relatives:

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Computerized records of the Central Index System of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, conducted at FBI Headquarters, indicated that Ms. Garrett's husband [REDACTED]

Interviews

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Twenty-three persons, consisting of current and former supervisors and coworkers, present and former neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They provided favorable comments concerning Ms. Garrett's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty.

All persons interviewed during the course of this background investigation stated they are unaware of any illegal drug use or alcohol or prescription drug abuse by Ms. Garrett, nor have they ever known her to exhibit any type of bias or prejudice against any class of citizen or any type of religious, racial or ethnic group. They also commented that they believe Ms. Garrett lives within her financial means. None of the

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individuals contacted was aware of information concerning Ms. Garrett that could be used to compromise or coerce her. All persons interviewed recommended her for a position of trust and responsibility.

Among those interviewed are the following:

USC, Los Angeles, California;

David L. Boren, President, University of Oklahoma,  
Norman, Oklahoma;

University  
of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois; and

Common Causes,  
Washington, D.C.

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Three additional neighbors were contacted and stated that they did not have much contact with Ms. Garrett, but was unaware of anything that would disqualify her from obtaining a position of trust and confidence with the United States government.

#### Financial Responsibility

A search of computerized credit records, which was conducted at FBI Headquarters in March, 2009, disclosed no pertinent information concerning Ms. Garrett.

#### Law Enforcement Agency Checks

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no pertinent information concerning Ms. Garrett.

#### Professional Affiliations

Ms. Garrett is eligible to practice law in the State of Texas and in the District of Columbia, however she is currently an inactive member of each. According to information available, no grievances have been filed against her.

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Miscellaneous

A check of the records of [redacted] conducted at FBI Headquarters, disclosed no pertinent information concerning Ms. Garrett, except for four additional addresses and several businesses associated with her name that were not included on her Standard Form 86. (Refer to Ms. Garrett's interviews below for additional information regarding these addresses.)

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A check of the records of LEXIS, a computerized public records retrieval service concerning criminal and civil litigation, conducted at FBI Headquarters, revealed no pertinent information concerning Ms. Garrett.

A check of the records of NEXIS, a computerized news retrieval service, conducted at FBI Headquarters, revealed no pertinent information concerning Ms. Garrett.

Routine interviews were conducted by the FBI on April 6, 2009, and April 8, 2009, with Ms. Garrett, the results of which are incorporated in this summary memorandum and follow below in their entirety. During her April 6, 2009, interview, Ms. Garrett advised that she used marijuana on approximately six occasions between 1981 and 1988, while in college.

[redacted] advised  
[redacted] Ms. Garrett was [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] advised that she could [redacted]  
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[redacted] Ms. Garrett [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that she does not believe  
that Ms. Garrett [redacted]

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Agency Checks

During the course of this background investigation, the records of the following entities were checked and found to contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Ms. Garrett, unless otherwise noted in this summary memorandum:

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Defense Clearance and Investigations Index;  
Federal Election Commission;  
Office of Personnel Management;  
Public Integrity Section and appropriate  
United States Attorneys,  
Department of Justice;  
Offices of Disbursing and Security,  
United States Senate;  
United States Secret Service; and  
the White House Office.

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Searches of the various indices of the FBI, including but not limited to the central index maintained at FBI Headquarters, the index of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (Ms. Garrett [REDACTED] by name and other known identifying data only), the indices of appropriate field offices and other appropriate computer data bases did not identify any documents that contain pertinent information identifiable with Ms. Garrett and her relatives.

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It should be noted that results of the above indices searches reveal only data entered into those indices as of the date each was searched. However, it should also be noted that some delays may occur as to the entry of such data.

Some manual field office indices searches could not be conducted during the background investigation as the FBI is in the process of automating its manual indices records established through October, 1985, and those records are currently unavailable. As a result, there may be FBI files identifiable with Ms. Garrett [REDACTED] that were not reviewed.

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